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Gratitude.

We are grateful to V. Rose, the Express agent on the Louisville and Lexington Railroad, for a number of the Charleston Mercury, of a late date.

The Mercury is full of gratitude. Of course we cannot find space for all of its grateful paragraphs, but we give a few, just to show how well informed and judicious are the editors, statesmen, &c., &c. of "the Confederate States of America."

ITEM 1. We are gratified to learn that the Rhett Guards are now full:

Captain—A. Burnett Rhett.
First Lieutenant—G. Washington Rhett.
Second Lieutenant—B. Arnold Rhett.
Third Lieutenant—W. Phillips Rhett.
First Sergeant—A. Burr Rhett.
Second Sergeant—G. Whilkens Rhett.
Third Sergeant—P. Dickens Rhett.
Fourth Sergeant—A. Moultrie Rhett.
Fifth Sergeant—Some W. Rhett.
Corporals and—A Quantity (of) Rhetts.

ITEM 2. We are gratified to learn that Lincoln has the delirium tremens.

ITEM 3. We are gratified to announce that there is every prospect of a bread riot in New York.

ITEM 4. We are gratified to learn that a great many Rhett's have joined the Confederate army.

ITEM 5. We are gratified to learn that Senator Hammond has invented a gas-gun, which hurls a projectile, weighing 17½ tons, 23 hundred miles, with great precision and destruction. He will bombard New York next week.

ITEM 6. We are gratified to learn that the effects of Lincoln's blockade are already manifest among the Yankees. Cotton is not to be had at any price. Cotton soup is discontinued in Delmonicos on account of the blockade.

ITEM 7. We are gratified to learn that the people of New England are starving. Old cotton bed quilts are eagerly denounced by the hungry mob. Those who feast on their covering die of cold the next day.

ITEM 8. We are gratified to learn that southern genius is fairly aroused. We are determined to be independent of the Yankees. Yesterday H. Theophilus Rhett exhibited a patent for making pure northern ice, eight inches thick. It is as cold as a southern sun can make it. The Yankees will starve to death if we blockade their ice trade.

ITEM 9. We are gratified to learn that our talented fellow-citizen, Z. Wigfall Rhett, has invented a plan for furnishing governesses of approved pattern. This will relieve us of a hitherto great dependence upon the Yankees.

ITEM 10. We are gratified to learn that our brilliant fellow townsman, Q. Uriah Rhett, has discovered a process by which niggers oil can be converted into butter in half a minute. This is a heavy blow upon Lincoln's blockade.

LONG MAY IT WAVE!—Our city is becoming decorated with flags—with the stars and stripes we mean—and not pelicans or rattlesnakes. Numbers of our citizens have given the old banner to the breeze, and the fingers of fair ones are busy plying the needle, stitching together the red, white and blue. It is truly refreshing that as the cloud hangs heavier, and the storm gathers thicker, to see the patriotism and loyalty of Kentucky grow the stronger, and witness the firm determination of her gallant sons to carry the flag, and keep step to the music of the Union. Frankfort is all right. Go on, ye lovers of your country, deck your house tops and your trees with the ensign of your fathers, and unite in the rallying song—

"American freedom! hand to hand,
A halibut to guard it well shall stand—
God save the flag of our native land."

It is reported that the secessionists have removed the remains of George Washington from Mt. Vernon. We don't blame them. They have no power over his better part, and had better seize and occupy his ashes. They are all that they ever see of G. W., for he has gone to that place where secessionists have been unpopular since the first of the tribe, (Col. Satan), was kicked out.

TO THE LADIES—Any of our lady friends who wish them, can get a few French flower seeds, with long botanical names, by application at this office to Geo. W. Lewis. These seeds are sent out by the United States Patent office.

THE OWEN WAR.—We publish in this issue a letter from a prominent citizen of Owen, to his friend in this place. It gives a true version of the affair.

Letters to Gov. Magoffin.

FRANKFORT, May 11th, 1861.

HON. B. MAGOFFIN, Governor of Kentucky:
DEAR SIR:—I herewith enclose a petition, signed by sundry citizens of Lacle county, praying your Excellency to issue a proclamation forbidding the marching of armed bodies of men across Kentucky, to attack the troops of the United States, stationed at Cairo.

The citizens, whose names are appended to the petition, are among the most respectable and valued men of the county. They are patriotic men; they are brave men; they prize their country and its glorious institutions; they would lay down their lives in its defense; they would preserve the Union of these States as the most precious heritage that ever descended from sire to son. Their souls revolt at the contemplation of civil war; they pray God that the country may be saved the horrors of civil war. You have, to a great extent, the power to avert a conflict which is impending between the people of the border States. I, as the representative of the people who petition you, pray you, by every consideration of patriotism that could actuate the Chief Executive of a great State, to exercise that influence for the peace and safety of the country; and, to this end, I pray you to grant the prayers of the petitioners. Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
N. A. RAPIER.

DAWSON'S, LARGE CO. KY.,
May 4th, 1861.

To B. MAGOFFIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

It is asserted and believed that a body of armed men have in contemplation to march through a portion of the State, to make an attack upon troops encamped, by authority of the United States, at Cairo, in the State of Illinois. Whether this be absolutely certain or not, we are not able to say. Considering passing events, and the feeling between the North and South, this seems likely to occur. Therefore, in view of this probability, and the terrible consequences that might flow from such an act, we earnestly request your Excellency to issue a proclamation, forbidding the passage of such armed body of citizens over the soil of Kentucky.

During the canvass last fall, says the Louisville Democrat, after Yancey had passed through the State, the Bell Committee here issued a circular, giving a part of the record of said Yancey, showing that his design was to break up this Union. The record was conclusive, and so comes the appeal to the people from the committee. It is signed by B. J. Adams, Jesse K. Bell, Blanton Duncan, Thos. H. Hunt, and James P. Chambers. Read it:

People of Kentucky! you have thus placed before you the record of W. L. Yancey, who is now the recognized and almost worshipped leader of the Breckinridge party—*you prepared to follow his lead and plunge into disaster, into civil war?* Are you prepared to meet and endure the multiplied horrors that are the inevitable result of his treasonable teachings? Are you prepared to see the States now so happily united, *dissevered, discordant, belligerent, and drenched with fraternal blood?* Answer at the polls.
B. J. ADAMS, BLANTON DUNCAN, JESSE K. BELL, THOS. H. HUNT, JAMES P. CHAMBERS.

After the above was in type, we learn that in his recent speech at Springfield, Ill., Mr. Yancey used this language: "Three States will secede. I desire to induce Kentucky to support Breckinridge. If she does, her delegates will be received in the Southern Convention. People of Kentucky! spurn the traitor and his traitorous appeal." Was this exhortation sound when published, and not sound now? Is it any better now to follow Yancey's lead, and plunge into disunion and civil war? (The italics and capitals are their own.) Are the inevitable results of "treasonable teachings" less horrible now than they were then? Are States, dissevered, discordant, belligerent, and drenched with fraternal blood, any better spectacle now than then? The committee can't plead the election of Lincoln to justify a charge; for they make it a point on Yancey that he favored secession, if Lincoln were elected. Spurn the traitor and his traitorous appeal, say the committee. Let the committee and their friends, who have gone after Yancey, if any there be, just see what they were and what they are. How low they have fallen!

We never have been in favor of destroying this Government, and since we have witnessed the deplorable failure of secession in all its various branches, we are more impressed with the blessings of the old United States Government than ever. The man who has attentively watched the progress of secession; who has seen its blighting effects upon every industrial interest, and upon the morals of society where it is tolerated; and now desires to plunge Kentucky into such a whirlpool of desolation, is either a weak fool or a traitor.

We have been requested by Mr. Crittenden to say to the people of this Congressional District, that whilst he is deeply sensible of the many kind and urgent solicitations made to him from various parts of the District, and will always cherish a grateful remembrance of them, still that he is unwilling to be considered as a candidate for Congress at the ensuing election.

Col. W. W. PENNY.—We publish in this number, a very flattering call upon this gentleman to become a candidate for the Senate from the counties of Woodford, Anderson, and Franklin. We hope that Mr. Penny will acquiesce in the wishes of his friends. We pledge him a majority from this county.

See De Kay, the valorous correspondent for the valorous Blant, Duncan, writes to the Louisville Courier that the message of our Governor was "received with three cheers" by the Kentucky troops now in the service of Jeff. Davis. We should not wonder.

Letter from Owenon.

OWENON, KY., May 13, 1861.

Dear Sir: I understand that Frankfort, on last Thursday morning, was in a state of great commotion and excitement, arising from the report that there was an armed band of negroes ravaging the country along the valley of Eagle Creek, in Owen county. I have no doubt that this matter, ridiculous as it is and was, has found its way into the papers, and is producing its legitimate fruit. The whole thing, from my information, (which is reliable,) had its origin in the neighborhood of Lushy's Mills, on Eagle Creek. A man of the neighborhood had business at a tanyard, not far distant, and went there on foot, taking his gun on his shoulder, and on his route passed in sight of the house occupied by the family of the tanner. The old lady, (who is exceedingly timid and nervous,) saw him, and was at once filled with alarm, and in all due haste went to the house of a near neighbor, and there told that she had seen a negro armed with a gun, &c., and that there was a large number of them, she had no doubt, armed in a similar way in the woods, and that their object was to slay and pillage. This was enough. In a marvelously short time, that whole region of country was in a state of the wildest excitement, and by half past 3 o'clock in the evening, the information was received in Owenon that there was from three to five hundred free negroes, headed by white men, all fully armed, who were passing through the county, along the valley of Eagle, in the vicinity of Lushy's Mills, and were slaying all that came in their way, without regard to age, sex, or condition. I write that you may have the truth in regard to this thing.

Yours truly, B.

We clip the following from the Frankfort correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial:

The approaching Congressional election is beginning to excite some attention. The secessionists have, I believe, wisely concluded not to nominate. The grays are ambitious, and they are seized with sudden constitutional scruples as to the propriety of state rights men sitting in a Lincoln Congress. The Union men will only have to select their candidates, and trot them gently over the course. As a suitable representative of the South (Carrollton) District, Thornton F. Marshall of this town, is generally spoken of here. Mr. Marshall's early and decided stand for the Union, in the face of the clamorous protests of his former political associates—his noble, active, and unflinching advocacy of the Union cause through a long and arduous contest, entitle him to the gratitude of every lover of his country. Mr. Marshall desires the nomination which will enable him to defend his position, and it is the wish of his friends that the Capital that he may be induced to accept.

We are not advised of Mr. Marshall's desires, but we can attest to the fact that the Union men of the Legislature desire Mr. Marshall to make the race.

A Spirited Union Paper.

If the pen be mightier than the sword, we should not fail to appreciate the heroism of those who fight with that weapon in the midst of powerful enemies of the Union and the Constitution; and such a hero is the editor of the Frankfort (Ky.) Commonwealth, a little but most determined defender of the National Government, at the Capital of Kentucky. At every issue it pours volleys of hot shot and shells into the ranks of the bold and treacherous advocates of secession. At the present time the brave old Commonwealth of Kentucky is most critically situated. There can be no doubt that a vast majority of her people are true to the stars and stripes, under which they have gained so much glory; but the Governor and other influential State officers are working to drive the State out of the Union. It is like a good ship, manned with a faithful and courageous crew whose pilot is treacherous, and bent on steering her upon the rocks at the first opportunity. Not only are those who have the affairs of the State in their hands striving to push her into the abyss of destruction which is yawning to receive her; but Kentucky is undoubtedly filled with members of that secret, oath-bound traitor order, who have banded themselves together to destroy the Union, and whose dastard tools pervade every part of the country. Surrounded thus by concealed as well as powerful open enemies, it requires no small amount of courage and patriotism, to expose the nefarious schemes of those in power, and to unmask the knaves who have plotted the destruction of the liberty of the people.

There are others similarly situated in the different border States, engaged in the same manly and patriotic battle for the integrity of the Republic, which deserve equal praise; but we have had occasion frequently to notice the vigorous and energetic manner in which the Commonwealth "goes into" the half-faced as well as the more open advocates of the rebel Confederacy. We live in times which try the souls of men, and all those who make a manly fight for the institutions and the flag of our country, will hereafter meet the award which posterity will surely accord them, whether they have fought with the sword or the pen.

The course which the people of Kentucky will pursue in this struggle will have a mighty influence for good or for evil, and no portion of the Union has more at stake than she has. Her patriotic children have heretofore won many laurels, and it is fervently hoped that in this, the most fearful peril in which she has been placed, her loyal statesmen, soldiers, and editors will be able to weather the storm, in despite of the treachery at the helm.—*Philadelphia News.*

AN UNUSUAL SCOUNDREL.—A few days before the election for Border State Convention delegates, John C. Adams, County Judge of Greenup, sent notices to the different precincts of that county stating, that the Governor had issued a proclamation countermanding the order for the election and abrogating the act which gave it legality, and therefore he, by virtue of the authority reposed in him as County Judge of Greenup, ordered the election to be suppressed. This infamous attempt at more than regal authority so enraged the mountaineers that many of them immediately rode into Greenup, for the purpose of hanging Adams, who, however, had obtained information of their intentions and saved his neck by a timely flight. If ever man deserved hanging Adams does.—*Maysville Eagle.*

State Treasurer.

We are requested to announce JAMES H. GARRARD, the present Treasurer, a candidate for re-election at the next August election.

Official Vote of Kentucky.

Total Presidential Vote.	Union Vote.	Disunion Vote.
Adair.....	1167	1155
Allen.....	1110	1099
Anderson.....	1093	519
Ballard.....	1295	59
Barren.....	1381	1312
Bath.....	1715	.....
Boone.....	1819	1356
Bourbon.....	1753	930
Boyle.....	1082	855
Breckenridge.....	1775	1775
Breathitt.....	573	200
Brockenridge.....	1622	1195
Bullitt.....	993	971
Butler.....	945	1045
Caldwell.....	812	698
Calloway.....	1115	463
Campbell.....	1296	123
Carr.....	2648	5033
Carrington.....	1078	568
Carter.....	1074	599
Cassidy.....	927	1159
Christian.....	1894	1391
Clarke.....	1411	1015
Clay.....	1093	573
Clinton.....	711	690
Crittenden.....	1251	844
Cumberland.....	865	1033
Daviess.....	2265	1231
Edmonson.....	516	200
Elliott.....	1920	.....
Fayette.....	2552	1559
Fleming.....	1836	1529
Floyd.....	673	.....
Franklin.....	1734	842
Gallatin.....	714	92
Gallup.....	837	432
Garrard.....	1091	1299
Grant.....	1498	1154
Graves.....	2625	.....
Grayson.....	1111	1155
Green.....	977	851
Greene.....	1258	1400
Hancock.....	1002	301
Hardin.....	2091	2016
Harrison.....	599	516
Hart.....	2320	862
Hart.....	1440	1445
Hart.....	1560	1064
Henry.....	1857	1218
Hickman.....	1570	629
Hickman.....	869	319
Jackson.....	290	319
Jackson.....	966	974
Jessamine.....	1202	839
Johnson.....	660	.....
Kenton.....	3556	3665
Knox.....	877	1037
Lamar.....	896	1110
Laurel.....	773	457
Lawrence.....	978	.....
Leitch.....	373	289
Lewis.....	1111	1542
Lincoln.....	1119	1030
Linton.....	906	923
Lyon.....	2094	908
Lyon.....	746	93
Madison.....	2093	1334
Marion.....	1650	1165
Marshall.....	1080	.....
Marshall.....	2377	2303
Meade.....	1242	.....
McLean.....	526	.....
Meade.....	1122	853
Mercer.....	1926	1543
Montgomery.....	1078	636
Monroe.....	963	1183
Morgan.....	965	.....
Muhlenburg.....	1253	1378
Muhlenburg.....	828	260
Myers.....	801	994
Nelson.....	1683	1226
Nicholas.....	1705	1179
Ohio.....	1463	1755
Ohio.....	936	711
Owen.....	2922	.....
Owsley.....	708	.....
Pendleton.....	1798	1357
Perry.....	425	.....
Powell.....	249	270
Pulaski.....	3096	1990
Pike.....	801	275
Polk.....	704	732
Randolph.....	338	.....
Ross.....	775	708
Scott.....	1954	.....
Shelby.....	1993	1461
Simpson.....	915	.....
Spencer.....	732	602
Taylor.....	921	876
Todd.....	1057	837
Trigg.....	1447	422
Trouble.....	924	502
Union.....	1571	676
Warren.....	1926	1901
Washington.....	1219	1650
Wayne.....	1310	671
Whitley.....	858	915
Woodford.....	1196	.....
Woolf.....	461	216
Webster.....	957	304
Total.....	146216	00000

Wm. W. PENNY, Esq.

VERMILION, May 15, 1861.

Wm. W. PENNY, Esq.: Dear Sir—You are aware that a Senator is to be elected to the State Legislature, from the counties of Woodford, Franklin, and Anderson, at the August election. By the common voice of the Union party of this county, you have been designated as the most suitable person for that office. We, therefore, citizens of Woodford county, and members of the Union party, cordially invite you to become a candidate for the office of Senator from the counties above mentioned.

Very truly, your friends,

J. E. Harkin, Samuel S. Darnall,
A. L. Thornton, Taylor Oliver,
L. A. Berry, Will S. Cotton,
E. Cloak, W. W. Tryman,
H. H. Culbertson, J. Ausden,
B. Craig, Campbell C. Doggins,
Zeb. Ward, Wm. L. Graddy,
E. N. Berryman, T. C. Fitzhugh,
Lewis Sublett, Wm. W. George,
Henry Rowland, James P. Ford,
A. Buford, H. H. Ferguson,
Jas. Hurst, C. O. Smith,
John W. Tryman, John W. Harris,
Leo Atwell, John C. Richardson,
W. J. Steele, W. W. George, Jr.,
John K. Goodloe, J. W. Combs,
Nat. P. Porter, R. B. George,
S. Stone, L. B. Peters,
Wm. T. Stevenson, H. F. Lillard,
Nathaniel Stone, Geo. T. Hord,
D. B. Wilson, Thor. H. Jessa,
Wm. C. Wallace, D. P. Robb,
R. W. Searee, J. C. Hall,
R. L. Stevenson, Swift Darnall,
A. Viridet, C. A. Forstell,
S. E. Burton, S. E. Perrie,
Geo. W. Parrent, M. N. Hall,
T. W. Tryman, David Searee,
John L. Cotton, C. O. Chinn,
Thomas Buford.

Proposals for Prison Burying Ground.

SEALED proposals will be received at the Governor's Office until the 25th of the present month for one acre of ground, suitable for a burying ground, enclosed with good strong post and rail fence, with good, strong gate, with lock, &c. The lot must be in or near the city, accessible, free from stones near the surface, &c. Bids may also be offered for same quantity of ground enclosed with stone fence. By order of the Board.

May 18, 1861.—H. RODMAN, Sec'y.

Pay your Taxes and Save Ten per Cent!

THE Tax Book for the present year is now in the hands of John Balford, City Treasurer, to whom payments may be made, with a deduction of ten per cent., if made on or before the 25th day of June next.

By order of the Board,
JAS. W. BATCHELOR,
City Clerk.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

SPRING OF 1861.

Bargains! Bargains!!

NEW GOODS.

T. S. & J. R. PAGE

ARE NOW IN RECEIPT OF THEIR USUAL ASSORTMENT OF

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

We offer, on account of the times, great inducements in prices and styles.

Bleached Muslins, full yard wide, 12½c. do do do 8 & 10c.

Heavy 10-4, 11-4, and 12-4 bleached Shirtings; Linen Shirtings; Pillow-slips and Irish Linens; Heavy flannel Outings; Heavy Cottonades; Lawns; Organdies; Black Challi and Alpaca; Striped Mozambique; Plain and twisted English Baregis; Chambrays;

A FULL ASSORTMENT OF Hosiery and Gloves; Lace and embroidered Collars, and Laces of all kinds.

A large and beautiful assortment of Glass and Queensware, cheap for cash.

GREAT INDUCEMENTS OFFERED In Fancy Silks—10 per cent. below cost to close out stock.

CLOTHES AND CASSIMERES; HOOP SKIRTS AND CORSETS.

Call and examine for yourselves, and you will have no need to visit cost houses for this season. We are determined not to be undersold.

Heavy Brown Cottons always at 10 cents. ap 3 m. T. S. & J. R. PAGE.

AN ELEGANT STOCK OF STRAW GOODS.

JUST OPENED BY KEENON & GIBBONS.

DEALERS IN BOOKS & STATIONERY.

Hats, Caps, Straw Goods, Boots, Shoes, Wall Paper, Carpet Bags, etc.

UMBRELLAS, &c., &c. MAIN STREET, FRANKFORT, KY.

TO CONSUMPTIVES AND THOSE AFFLICTED WITH DYSPEPSIA, NERVOUS DEBILITY, HEART DISEASE, FEVER AND AGUE, OR CONSTIPATION.—The undersigned, now seventy-five years old, has for years devoted his time to curing his Parishioners and the poor in New York of these dreadful complaints, which carry thousands and thousands to an untimely grave; he has seldom failed to cure all who have applied to him for relief, and believing it to be a Christian's duty to relieve those abroad, as well as at home, he will send to those who require it, a Copy of Prescriptions used, (free of charge), with directions for preparing and using the same. Also rules on Diet, Bathing, Ventilation, and Exercise for the Sick; they will find these remedies, a sure cure for Consumption, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs, Fever and Ague, Constipation, Heart Disease, Dyspepsia, Nervous Debility, and Female Complaints, and he hopes every one afflicted will send for a copy, as it will cost nothing, and those suffering should apply before it is too late. These Prescriptions are used by the most eminent Physicians in London, Paris, and New York. Those wishing them will please address REV. DR. CHAMBERLAIN, Williamsburg, New York.

MR. WINSLOW, An experienced Nurse and Female Physician, has a soothing Syrup for children teething, which greatly facilitates the process of teething by softening the gums and reducing all inflammation—it will allay all pain, and is sure to regulate the bowels. Depend upon it mothers, it will give rest to yourselves, and relief and health to your infants. Perfectly safe in all cases. See advertisement in another column.

June 6, 1860—1v.

COUGHS. The sudden changes of our climate are sources of PULMONARY, BRONCHIAL, and ASTHMATIC AFFECTIONS. Experience having proved that simple remedies often not speedily and certainly when taken in the early stages of the disease, recourse should at once be had to "Brown's Bronchial Trachea," or Lozenges, let the Cold, Cough, or Irritation of the Throat be ever so slight, as by this precaution a more serious attack may be effectually warded off. PUBLIC SPEAKERS and SINGERS will find them effectual for clearing and strengthening the voice. See advertisement. nov26-wktw6m.

